

THE SAD GHOST CLUB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The central two characters in *The Sad Ghost Club* series are drawn wearing sheets over their heads. Why do you think the author has portrayed them this way? What does it mean to be a Sad Ghost?
2. The story begins with Sam being invited to a party and being unsure if they want to go. They think of many reasons why they should or shouldn't attend: being laughed at, feeling left out etc... Have you ever had conflicting thoughts about a decision? How did you resolve them?
3. After avoiding Lottie at the store, Sam says they don't have time for friends, but they're pleased to have a frog for company while sitting in the park. What do you think is truly behind their statement "I don't have time for friends"?
4. Throughout the story Sam finds it easier to talk to animals than people. Socks also mentions that animals are "way cooler than humans". Are there times when you've felt more comfortable with animals? Why do you think that is?
5. In what ways are Sam and Socks similar? In what ways are they different? Do you think you need to be similar to be friends with someone?
6. In the park Sam talks about their anxiety for the future and all the little decisions they have to make. Socks asks if they've ever talked to someone about their worries. How important do you think it is to talk about what's bothering you? How can vocalising our problems make a difference?
7. Sam and Socks have an open discussion about their mental health. Do you think mental health is an easy topic to talk about? Why?
8. How do the two characters view their place in the universe? Can comfort be found in both points of view? Who do you agree with and why?
9. The tag-line of the series is "Find Your Kindred Spirits". Why is this a central theme? Why do you think the term "Kindred Spirits" was chosen for this book in particular?

A heart-warming series about friendship, compassion and finding your kindred spirits

